



NEWS OF WEEK

Told Herewith in Tabloid Form

Condensed Items of Interest for Every Member of the Household

MISCELLANEOUS.

Germans claim to be hopeful that the indemnity they are to get from the allies will pay the national debt.

Disgusted with Milwaukee's lack of loyalty, steps are being taken by police in some cities to halt the importation of Milwaukee beer.

Holland has been asked by Germany to allow her men to go through in order to get around the end of the allied lines.

Small towns in Germany are much disturbed over the recent casualties on the western front, as the war is showing that no family can escape its deadly toll.

Germany claims to think that America stands in mortal dread of air raids, and says the entire coast line of the nation is guarded by airplanes.

H. G. Stevenson, president of a Memphis bank, lost a package containing \$15,000 from his automobile.

Girls at Hammond, Ind., have organized an anti-slacker club, and will accept attentions from no one who should be in the army.

Information has come to the British authorities that allied prisoners of war are being employed in trench digging almost up to the front lines.

Swift & Co., packers, have decided to increase their capital by \$50,000. Stockholders will be permitted.

Word comes from Geneva that Von Hindenburg was wounded by an aviator's bomb at Straßburg.

A mutiny is reported on German U-boats, but the crews were not allowed to land as the infantry was called out and the men are prisoners on their own craft.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Twenty-nine men were convicted in San Francisco, charged with conspiring to start a revolution in India.

Walter Gibbins and his common law wife are under the sentence of death at London for starving Gibbins' 7-year old daughter.

Nick Culitz, a deserting soldier, was given a sentence of 20 years by the federal court at Little Rock.

LABOR.

The street car strike in Detroit has about ended and service resumed.

British efficiency has inspired the American labor delegates to London with a much higher respect for the English artisan, according to James Wilson, head of the delegation.

U. S. delegates to the national labor congress have reached London.

The New York legislature has passed a law forbidding looting, and everybody must go to work.

ACCIDENTS.

Three persons were killed in Birmingham, Ala., when a street car turned over rounding a curve too swiftly.

The great American liner St. Paul was sunk at her dock in New York on Thursday, April 25. No loss of life.

Herry Davis, of Harrisburg, Ill., was killed in an accident at the new Deering mine.

CRIMINAL.

Mrs. Mary Moore and her daughter Alice of Lamoine, Wash., both died suddenly under circumstances which indicate poisoning.

Helmut Schmidt, of Detroit, lured a housemaid to his home, and after making a proposition, which she refused, killed her and burned the body.

Mrs. Kate Findley Skaggs, 40, of St. Louis, crazed by the continual battle with poverty, slew her three children and attempted suicide.

DOMESTIC.

The government is out with a call for men experienced in waterway work. They are needed for French canals.

Maryland's governor has signed a bill which legalizes betting on horse races.

The government has taken over all the wool output of the country for soldiers' uniforms.

A plan to introduce sheep raising in the south on an extensive scale is under consideration by boards of trade in three states.

A new department of military service has been created. It is to be known as the motor transportation division, and a high official will have command.

Fifty of Pershing's men—rounded—are back in the United States working for the Liberty loan.

Every employee of the St. Louis street railway company has bought a Liberty bond.

Michigan's dry law will go into effect on May 1, and no person may possess more than eight ounces of whiskey for any purpose.

Railway workers are to receive \$75,000,000 back pay as soon as Director McAdoo approves the findings of the arbitration board.

Carroll County, Missouri, is the first county in the Eighth Federal Reserve District to raise its full quota on the Liberty Loan, and has received the flag of honor.

WAR BREVITIES.

Highland Park, Ill., has a family of four brothers all in the army, and one of these has five sons in the service.

Plans are under consideration to raise the draft age to 40 years, so as to have plenty of men.

Word comes to Washington that our boys are holding the line at the hottest point of contact on the western front.

A young son of Revenue Commissioner Roper of New York, killed seven Germans in a combat before the Huns were able to put him out.

Pershing's men are falling back on the sawed-off double-barreled shotgun, and are giving the Germans the surprise of their lives.

One British soldier is reported to have captured 36 German soldiers, a few officers, six machine guns and a trench mortar all by himself.

Marine corps officials are out in an appeal for 40,000 more volunteers.

The draft coming in June is said to contemplate the raising of 300,000 new soldiers.

PERSONAL.

John D. Ryan, copper magnate, has been appointed as chief of the air craft construction program.

William J. Bryan's name on a chauntiqua program to be held in Ludington, Mich., next August has resulted in a row.

Prof. Thomas, the discredited sociologist of Chicago university, pleads not guilty to a charge of violating the moral code.

Judge Walter Gulon has been named United States senator from Louisiana to succeed the late Senator Broussard.

Andrew J. Depler, prominent farmer of Chillicothe, Mo., is dead from injuries received in rescuing a child in a burning building.

Douglas Fairbanks, the movie star, spoke at the coliseum at St. Louis on last Saturday evening Liberty Bonds.

Premier Clemenceau has but six months more to live, according to a verdict of French doctors.

Gen. B. C. Morse of the U. S. army has been reduced to the rank of colonel, and ordered to report to his regiment for duty.

GENERAL.

Two women in the same ward in a New York hospital gave birth to girls on the same day, and one of the women now claims the babies have been switched.

Three soldiers from Camp Logan, Tex., are held as highway robbers at Houston.

Three bankers of a peculiar religious belief are under arrest at Kansas City, charged with seeking to bribe army officers for the release of others of their beliefs.

An increase of 100,000,000 pounds a year is expected in the production of fish by the food administrators in five Gulf states.

The National Editorial association is to meet in Hot Springs, Ark., the first week in June.

Count Ihab, Japanese diplomat at San Francisco, says the difference in food and climate makes it impossible to send Oriental troops to France.

George Baker, 66, farmer, of Whitehall, Ill., was killed by a bull on his farm Sunday.

Former Senator J. L. Bristow of Kansas, was denied the privilege of making a speech at Ellsworth, in that state.

FOREIGN.

Berlin claims the recent raid on Zeppelins and Ostend was a complete failure.

Von Hindenburg, the German leader, says for anyone to give less than all he can to a national loan is to shirk his duty.

Chancellor von Hertling is using a Berlin paper because of recent criticisms of the moral ideas of German leaders.

Austrians are complaining against the misdeeds of the queen of the house of Bourbon—the queen's family—and particularly criticize Prince Sixtus.

Irkutsk, the inland capital of Siberia, has fallen into the hands of the Germans.

Two large ammunition factories in Austria were blown up on the 24th, with immense loss of life.

All Austrian archdukes have been called to Vienna for an urgent conference with the emperor and his ministers.

A move is on foot in Paris to send all the children of the capital to the country in order that they may be safe from the long-range German cannon.

German authorities agree that price fixing in that country has been a failure.

It is said the Kaiser's greatest disappointment was realized when he discovered that the Germans in the United States were not to rise in rebellion to assist him in his scheme of world conquest.

Guatemala has taken steps to suppress all war propaganda, no matter by whom circulated, in an endeavor to maintain neutrality.

Italy is now urging the United States to use her full endeavor in the building of bombing planes for use on the Austrian front.

ADVISES BUYING WINTER COAL NOW

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FUEL WILL NOT DETERIORATE

Fear of Spontaneous Combustion Also Groundless, According to Professor at Missouri State University.

Columbia.—The engineering school and experiment station of the University of Missouri have given considerable study to Missouri coals and the effects of storage.

"For Missouri conditions every citizen should be urged to buy coal early and store his season's supply in order to avoid traffic congestion on the railroads later in the year," says Dean E. J. McCauley of the university. "This should particularly be urged with reference to domestic supplies which demand small storage space. The average householder who uses only a small amount of fuel is likely to feel that it is immaterial when he purchases it. If he would remember, however, that the average used by domestic consumers totals a very large tonnage, he would appreciate that a concerted effort to store coal in the slack season would react favorably on general conditions and be an act of real patriotism."

"Many people hesitate to store coal in their cellars on account of possible deterioration in fuel value or on account of fear of spontaneous combustion. As a matter of fact, the ordinary grades of coal used for domestic purposes lose very little in fuel value by storage of a few months. Furthermore, coal placed in storage in quantities usually needed for the individual householder is not likely to be subjected to spontaneous combustion."

Folk for Senator Club.

Joplin, Mo.—Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk was given an additional boom for United States senator to take the place of Senator Stone, when 100 representative Democrats of the state met here and formed a Folk-for-Senator Club. An executive committee was named to negotiate for a Democratic convention to be held in Jefferson City. Resolutions commending Folk for the senatorship also were adopted by the Democrats and wired to Gov. Gardner.

It is planned to have mass meetings in each county, have delegates appointed and the delegates select the candidate and submit the name to Gov. Gardner.

Opposition to Former Gov. Dockery was voted at the meeting. It was said Dockery is too old to be considered for the appointment.

Fire at Mexico.

Mexico.—A fire destroyed \$200,000 worth of business property in the business section. The historic Rincón Hotel was burned, with all of the other business buildings in the block, with the exception of two.

At the risk of his life, Charles Jenkins, negro fireman at the Ringo, warned 40 guests in the hotel and they escaped.

To Abolish German.

Springfield, Mo.—The Springfield Board of Education has voted unanimously to abolish the study of the German language in the high schools. The board also has voted to install a course in wireless telegraphy to train drafted men for army and navy service.

"Eat Potatoes" Hoover Urges.

Shame should be felt by an American who does not stimulate further production of potatoes by substituting them now for wheat and other foods, says Herbert C. Hoover, United States food administrator, in a statement issued here. Food Administrator Mumford says, "Amen."

Columbia.—Mrs. Walter McNab Miller attended the convention of equal suffrage workers at Indianapolis last week, and may go to Washington to urge congressional action.

Franklin.—R. R. Buckner has purchased the Mexico Fair Grounds for \$10,000 and will convert the plant into stock farm, and the amphitheater into barn. It will be the largest enterprise of the kind in Missouri.

Hayti, Mo.—Dan Dortch, while on his way to Kansas City on his motor cycle, had a collision with an automobile and was severely injured. He was taken care of by the Masonic authorities at Kansas City.

Lancaster.—John W. Parks, a prosperous merchant of Manhattan, Kan., was married here to Miss Mary Riley, daughter of Mrs. F. W. Riley, who was a nurse in St. Joseph's Hospital, Cedarville, Ia.

Metz.—The students of the high school presented a three-act drama "A Fight for Fortune" at the opera-house here on April 27.

Marion.—Robert Owens has been appointed mine inspector by the county court at a salary of \$150 per month.

State Board Cuts Values.

Attorney General McAllister, Secretary of State Sullivan and Treasurer Middleton agreed upon the valuation of real estate and personal property for this year's taxes and their total figures are a reduction in the tax values fixed by the state tax commission of \$2,119,796,594.

The total fixed by the three who constitute a majority of the board of equalization stands at \$1,829,085,530.

From the valuations fixed by the state tax commission this board have made reductions as follows:

Lands from \$1,623,031,867 to \$569,483,475, a reduction of \$1,053,548,394.

City lots from \$1,598,554,230 to \$912,209,314, a reduction of \$686,344,916.

Horses from \$62,000,000 to \$32,000,000.

Mules from \$30,000,000 to \$14,000,000.

Asses and Jennets from \$1,200,000 to \$660,000.

Cattle from \$91,000,000 to \$41,000,000.

Sheep from \$4,400,000 to \$1,360,000.

Hogs from \$17,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Other live stock from \$294,000 to \$158,000.

Money, notes and bonds from \$23,939,937 to \$19,990,698.

Banks \$129,000,000 to \$69,000,000.

Corporations other than banks and public service companies from \$16,482,000 to \$14,177,000.

Other personal property from \$227,000,000 to \$124,000,000.

The returns of the assessors' blanks for this year's taxation totaled \$3,987,000,000, and to this the commission added \$930,000,000.

These three members of the board have cut the totals under the tax commission's figures \$2,119,796,594.

State Will Pay Banks.

The state board of fund commissioners directed State Treasurer Middleton to take up \$500,000 of the claims against the state now held by St. Louis banks.

Gov. Gardner, when he discovered the enormous debts left by the Major administration, negotiated a loan of \$2,925,000 from the St. Louis banks. The banks have advanced about \$1,900,000. There was a balance of \$1,000,000 in the revenue fund April 1, and it was deemed best to commence taking up these claims, all of which will fall due near the close of the year.

Captures Collector.

Poplar Bluff.—W. C. Lombard, former city collector here, whose books show a discrepancy of about \$18,000, and who disappeared March 6, was arrested in a hospital at Iowa City, Ia., where he was under treatment for a nervous breakdown. He was ousted from office recently after his books had been audited.

Lombard, since his departure from Poplar Bluff, had been working at Okaloosa, Ia., under the name of "Carlton."

Official Sues Official.

State Game and Fish Commissioner Birmingham filed mandamus proceedings in the supreme court against State Auditor Hackman, to compel the latter to allow him various small amounts for railroad and hotel expenses incurred last year in making trips to Jefferson City on department business.

The auditor contends Birmingham should have been paid for those expenses. Birmingham says he was not paid for those expenses, and in general knows all the tricks of the modern contractor.

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Gunnery the Big Thing.

The big thing, of course, was gunnery. This included a practical knowledge of ballistics—the science of the movement of bodies through the air. Ballistics is a very exact science, and in these days of precision is absolutely essential for the artilleryman. Reduced to language for the layman, it consists in the knowledge of just how far a given piece of ordnance will hurl its projectile under all conditions.

Very simple, say you. Yes, under standard conditions. Every gun when it is turned out from the maker is known to fire a certain projectile to a certain range at a certain elevation. These data are compiled in tables and are theoretically the same for all guns of the same caliber and range. These tables are known as range tables, and the conditions given for the firing of projectiles for these theoretical ranges are known as range table conditions. Remember this.

Now some of the principal range table conditions or assumptions are that the earth is flat and does not revolve; that the atmospheric conditions are standard; that there is no wind; that the gun and target are on the same level, and that the action of gravity is constant throughout the trajectory.

All well and good. We know that our gun, then, will fire its projectile, let us say 10,000 yards, under range table conditions. In other words, given the above conditions, it will, if properly laid in direction, hit a target 10,000 yards away. But unfortunately for us the earth is not flat, our target is 10,000 yards away, and 200 feet

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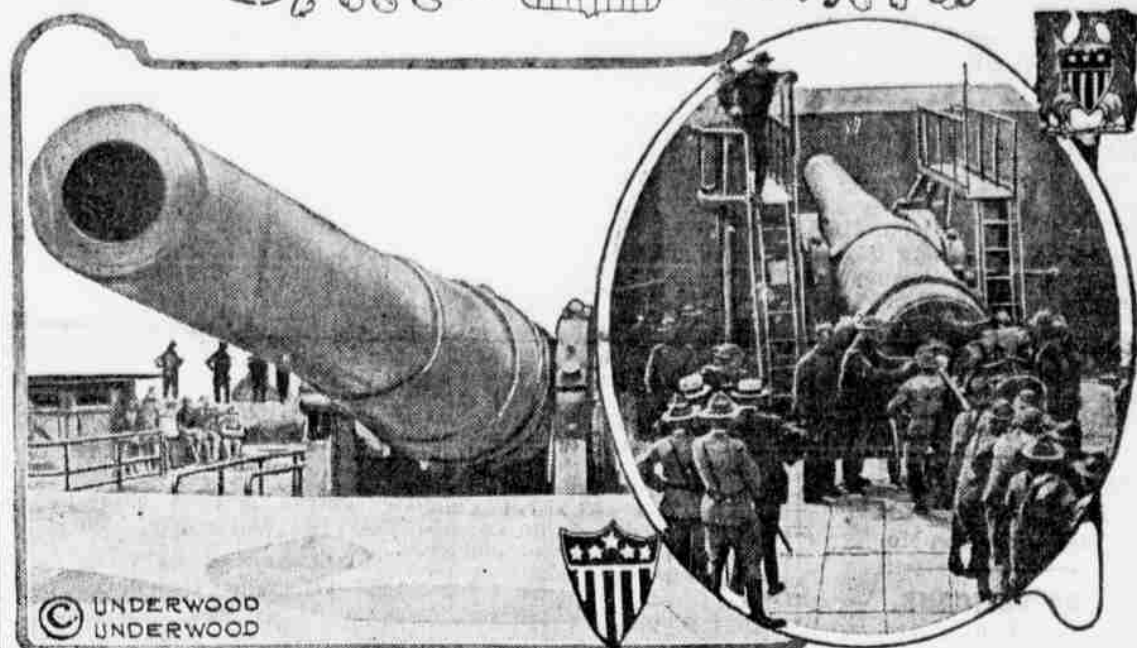
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Training Modern Artillery Officers



DOWN at the Coast Artillery school at Fort Monroe, Va., Uncle Sam is turning out the latest pattern of modern heavy artillery officers. The National Guard coast artillery officers and such of the regular establishment as have not yet been through this school have been ordered down in two sections, the first of which already has been graduated.

Upon the Coast Artillery corps has been thrust the burden of handling the heavy ordnance with which the army is equipped, and which in the field will be manipulated by methods more or less resembling the methods already laid down for sea coast ordnance. These methods are far different from those used by the field artillery proper—that is, the light three-inch rifles and 4.7-inch howitzers.

The present-day heavy artillery officer must be a mathematical shark, a railroad engineer and an expert in handling gasoline motors, besides having an intimate knowledge of gunnery, says a writer in the New York Herald. His equipment has changed from the battery commander's ruler of the field artilleryman to a slide rule, a transit and a book of logarithms.

In addition he must understand perfectly the manipulation of heavy masses—formed the art of mechanical maneuvers—for his guns will not be securely placed in concrete, but will be exposed to the mercuries of the open road, with consequent overturnings and sudden shifting. He must know how to use tackle of all sorts, and in general know all the tricks of the modern contractor.

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Other state departments are likely to be affected by the decision in the suit.

Kirkville.—The Misses Belle and Eunice Cockrum and Hazel Whitlock, who taught in the public schools of Milan the past year, were re-elected at a meeting of the school board.

Moberly.—William Hawkins, formerly clerk at the western division of the Washash, has been promoted to tonnage clerk with a nice increase in salary. Miss Olga Walters is now car clerk.

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